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Call for participants

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ABOUT US

The "Support to individual human rights defenders and human rights organizations from Russia, Ukraine, and Belarus" project is implemented by **Human Rights House Yerevan** and **Human Rights House Foundation with the financial support of the European Union**. The goal of the project is to provide assistance to human rights defenders, human rights organizations, journalists, and media organizations who have relocated to the Republic of Armenia as a result of the Russian-Ukrainian war and need support in adapting to the new realities and organizing their human rights work in Armenia.

We are looking for individual human rights defenders, human rights organizations, journalists, and media organizations from Russia, Ukraine, and Belarus who have resided in Armenia and have been impacted by the Russian-Ukrainian war and need support in adapting to the new realities and organizing their human rights work in Armenia and (or) continuing their work.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Emergency grants are offered to individual human rights defenders, activists, journalists, and representatives of civil society organizations (their family members) from Russia, Ukraine, and Belarus who have resided in the Republic of Armenia and who are in immediate need of financial, psychological, or other urgent support provided in the scope of the project to adapt to the new realities and effectively organize their work in the Republic of Armenia.

Grants for capacity building and advocacy campaigns are offered to individual human rights defenders and human rights organizations from Russia, Ukraine, and Belarus residing or operating in the Republic of Armenia to develop necessary skills to continue their human rights work in the new realities (including, registering a legal entity in the Republic of Armenia) and to conduct advocacy campaigns aimed at countering disinformation.

AWARDED GRANTS

Emergency Grants - up to 1,500 Euros, funding can be utilized to cover expenses such as:

- Accommodation costs
- Per-diem
- Psychological support
- Legal support
- Visa assistance and related costs.

Capacity building grants of up to €5,000 for projects that are aimed at building necessary skills or developing policies (the project may also include a component of registering a legal entity in the

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Republic of Armenia). These grants should be focused on developing one or more of the following capacities, but not limited to them:

- Fundraising
- Campaigns and advocacy
- Online (digital) security
- Strategic planning
- Finances and management
- Communication
- Human resources management.

Grants for advocacy campaigns of up to 4,000 Euros to assist individual human rights defenders and human rights organizations in countering disinformation, funding is provided for implementing media campaigns, advocacy, and awareness-raising efforts. These grants specifically should target disinformation related to the Russian-Ukrainian war, its repercussions, and related issues.

Priority will be given to individual human rights defenders and human rights organizations that have not previously received support from this source.

Applications from political and religious organizations will not be considered. Emergency grants can be provided for a maximum of 6 months, whereas the grants for capacity building and advocacy campaigns can be provided for a maximum of 12 months.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants must submit the appropriate application form **in Russian or English via email to info@hrhyerevan.org**, with the grant name specified in the subject line as follows:

[Emergency grants](#)

[Capacity building grants](#)

[Advocacy grants](#)

Emergency grants will be announced **on an ongoing basis without any set application deadlines**. Applications will be reviewed, and a decision will be made within one week except for urgent cases, in which it will be reviewed and a decision will be made as expeditiously as possible.

Deadline for submitting applications for capacity building and advocacy campaigns is **February 13, 2023**.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For further information, refer to the "[Guide for Participants](#)".

The 'Emergency Support to civil society and media in response to the Ukraine war' (ESU) project is run by Human Rights House Foundation as part of a consortium led by ERIM and partnering with East Europe Foundation, Human Rights House Tbilisi, Barys Zvoszkau Belarusian Human Rights House and the Black Sea Trust, and funded by the European Union.